

Livestock Marketing Workshop Requirements

The Livestock Sale committee is asking that every livestock project member attend a marketing workshop prior to attending Fair. Why a special workshop? The committee feels it is very important that every member gains the experience of marketing their animal and bringing a buyer to the sale. The workshop will include everything from finding a buyer to recognizing a buyer after the sale. This year the workshop will be mandatory for everyone, then required every other year, similar to Animal Quality Assurance.

For those of you that have participated in at least two sales, the committee would like you to help at the workshop or bring in a sample/ packet of what you have done in the past to market your animal(s) for the sale to the Extension Office for review by the sale committee. Workshop dates will be set for February or March. Marketing samples/ packets will need to be turned in to the office by the last workshop date.

AQA Workshop

The first Animal Quality Assurance workshop will be held **February 3, 2009 at 6:30 PM** at the Belgrade Middle School cafeteria. AQA is required for all youth that have a large animal project (Beef, Sheep, and Swine) go through the livestock sale at Fair. If this is your first year or if you did not attend last year, it is mandatory that you attend a workshop. In case you can not make this one, we will be offering a couple AQA workshops this year. If you attended last year, you do not need to come again until next year. The purpose is to learn about handling, nutrition, ethics and safety practices in order to provide a safe, wholesome product for the market. Parents are encouraged to attend.

4-H & FFA KMON Judging Contest:

Livestock, Meats, Crops, Career Development, Beef Ambassador Contests
January 16-17, 2009 at the Fairgrounds in Great Falls

Meats Contest: This will be the State contest for FFA & 4-H. 4-H team members must be 14 by October 1, 2007 to qualify as the state team and trip to Western Regional Roundup. Awards are trophies, plaques and \$100 to the top individual. Contact our office at 388-3213 for registration information. Registration due January 8th.

Friday Night Fun 4-H and FFA Dance January 16th, 2009, 9:00 pm-12:00 am at the Black Eagle Community Center, 2332 Smelter Ave, Admission \$4.00 per person. Sponsored by: KMON and Conrad FFA Alumni.

2008 MONTANAFAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

The 2009 MontanaFair will be held in Billings in August. Any 4-H member wanting to enter a livestock animal must have that animal ear tagged in Billings on the following dates.

Beef Tagging – February 7, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the PAYS arena
Animal Quality Assurance Training – 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Sheep/Swine Tagging – June 6, 8:00-11:00 a.m. at PAYS arena
Animal Quality Assurance Training – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Each exhibitor can tag three animals in each species. Animals must be tagged specifically for the MontanaFair. A market animal tagged for the MontanaFair can not be shown or sold at another 4-H or FFA Junior Livestock Show. Open shows do not pertain to this rule. Everyone will need to weigh his or her animal(s) at tagging time. A beginning weight is required for the Carcass Contest through the Ultrasound program. Steers do not need to be halter broke to be weighed. If the weather causes a problem for you to get to Billings on the tagging date, please contact Roni Baker at the Yellowstone County Extension Office (256-2828). For further details, call the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 388-3213.

